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### **KDOL and DOC Presenting Best Practices at Region V Dislocated Worker/Trade Roundtable**

**TOPEKA, Kan** – The Kansas Department of Labor (KDOL) Secretary, Lana Gordon and Department of Labor and Commerce Deputy Secretary, Michael Copeland will give the opening remarks at the Region V Roundtable on May 2 and 3 in Kansas City. KDOL and Commerce staff will present *From Unemployment to Reemployment*, a report about the cooperation between agencies working to help the unemployed get back to work.

The state of Kansas is hosting the event to share their best practices and highlighting efforts by both agencies. The nine states attending the roundtable will be Missouri, Michigan, Nebraska, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa.

This year KDOL provided Commerce with educational materials on unemployment insurance to be distributed at statewide Workforce centers. Commerce provided messaging for UI claimants about **KANSASWORKS** and these messages are heard when claimants are on-hold for the contact center. Commerce helps find veteran applicants for job openings at KDOL and provides facilities for applicants. Both departments provide claimants with current job openings, popular jobs and wage reports on the KDOL site at <https://klic.dol.ks.gov> and the Commerce site at [www.kansasworks.com](http://www.kansasworks.com).

“I am very proud of the cooperative efforts of the Department of Labor and Department of Commerce. The number one goal of both agencies is putting Kansans back to work,” said Lana Gordon, Secretary of Labor. “The Rapid Response program, provided for employers with large layoffs, is a great example of the two departments working together. Staff travels to the business to educate employees on the unemployment claims process, provides training resources and assists employees in finding future employment.”

Our forthcoming endeavors include the matching of job openings with UI claimants, targeted messaging, instructional UI videos at workforce centers and matching claimants with employers for on-the-job training opportunities.

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